

Consumer Sites for Montana Residents

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Access to Pharmacy Services and Pharmaceuticals in Montana:

In 2005, Senate Bill 324, Section 2.2, directed the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to determine the status, needs, and trends of pharmaceutical use in the state. Because pharmacy services may now include clinical monitoring and treatment services in addition to dispensing services, the evaluation was expanded to include this information.

The process used to evaluate pharmacy services status, needs, and trends involved secondary analysis of existing data from individual, state, and federal sources. Extra effort was made to identify subpopulations or areas where gaps between needs and access are most likely to occur now or in the near future. Information in the report can be divided into several categories: demographic data related to healthcare access or use, common chronic diseases, pharmaceuticals, and clinical pharmacy services not related to dispensing.

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